

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-designate Jon Kyl, of Arizona, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6035–S6040

Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3408–3411. **Page S6038**

Measures Reported:

S. 2515, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes. (S. Rept. No. 115–335) **Page S6038**

Swearing in of Senator Kyl: The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of appointment of Senator-designate Jon Kyl of the State of Arizona, and the oath of office was then administered as required by the U.S. Constitution and prescribed by law.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 85 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. EX. 202), Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2023. **Pages S6036, S6040**

Messages from the House: **Page S6037**

Measures Referred: **Pages S6037–38**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S6038**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—202) **Page S6036**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 1:18 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, September 6, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6038.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1965, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and traditional mammoth ivory products, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2773, to improve the management of driftnet fishing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3367, to amend certain transportation-related reporting requirements to improve congressional oversight, reduce reporting burdens, and promote transparency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 4323, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Kelvin Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, James Morhard, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Joel Szabat, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

TSA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration, focusing on keeping our skies secure, after receiving testimony from David P. Pekoske, Administrator,

Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

NATO ALLIANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the value of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization alliance, after receiving testimony from Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; R. Nicholas Burns, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Robert and Renee Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Stanley R. Sloan, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont.

THE CHINA CHALLENGE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine the China challenge, focusing on security and military developments, after receiving testimony from Oriana Skylar Mastro, American Enterprise Institute, and Abraham M. Denmark, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, both of Washington, D.C.

IMPACT OF ZERO TARIFFS ON U.S. AUTOWORKERS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of zero tariffs on United States autoworkers, after receiving testimony from John Bozzella, Association of Global Automakers, Inc., on behalf of Here for America, Thea Mei Lee, Economic Policy

Institute, Stephen Moore, The Heritage Foundation, and Bryan Riley, National Taxpayers Union, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the nomination of Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The nominee testified in his own behalf. Hearing recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, September 6, 2018.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tamara Bonzanto, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection), and James Paul Gfrerer, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Information and Technology), both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE OPERATIONS' USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine foreign influence operations' use of social media platforms, after receiving testimony from Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook, Menlo Park, California; and Jack Dorsey, Twitter, Inc., San Francisco, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6702–6712 and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1050 were introduced. **Page H7870**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7870–71**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1051, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6691) to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the definition of “crime of violence”, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 115–920). **Page H7870**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Weber (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7827**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7832**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H7832–33, H7864**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed or wounded in service to our country and all those who serve and their families. **Page H7833**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:49 p.m. and reconvened at 1:02 p.m. **Page H7838**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Improving Embassy Design and Security Act of 2018: H.R. 4969, amended, to improve the design and construction of diplomatic posts; **Pages H7840–43**